[Translation]

Textile Designing Exhibition

1086. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the exhibition organised on textile designing in Delhi during the last three years and till date;

(b) the details of the export orders received through such exhibitions;

(c) whether the Government propose to organise some more exhibitions on textile designing in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No exhibition exclusively on textile designing was held in Delhi during the last three years. However, the following major exhibitions and fairs on textiles were organised during this period :-

(i) "Resham India" silk fair at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi in October, 1993.

(ii) An exhibition on Jute diversified products in Parliament House Annexe in May, 1995.

(b) As a result of "Resham India", export orders worth about US $ 4.2 million for silk goods were received. The focus of the exhibition on Jute diversified products was on new areas of development in the jute sector.

(c) and (d) No exhibition exclusively on textile designing is proposed to be held now. However, the India Trade Promotion Organisation in association with the Textile Export Promotion Council and the Ministry of Textiles, proposes to organise "Tex Styles India" fair at New Delhi from 28th to 31st January, 1997.

Crucial Balancing Investment Scheme

1087. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently notified 'Crucial Balancing Investment Scheme' to boost exports; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme envisages balancing, capital investments for relieving bottlenecks in infrastructure for export production and conveyance. Proposals identified for assistance under the scheme will be financed by the Ministry of Commerce out of special funds earmarked for the purpose.

[English]

Production of Rubber

1088. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of rubber produced during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government have made any efforts to increase the production of rubber in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The total quantity of natural rubber produced during each of last three years is as under :-

	Production (tonnes)
1993-94	435160
1994-95	471815
1995-96	506910

(b) and (c) The Rubber Board is implementing various schemes to increase production and productivity of Rubber, which include :

(i) Making available financial and technical assistance for newplanting and replanting with improved varieties;

(ii) Production and distribution of high yielding planting materials to growers.

(iii) Rendering advisory, extension and training services;

(iv) Encouraging group processing and marketing among small holders;

(v) Undertaking research on cultivation, production and processing of rubber;

(vi) A World Bank assisted Project under implementation from 1993-94 to enhance production and improve quality of natural rubber.

[Translation]

Import of Coal

1089. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of coking and non-coking coal in the country during 1995-96;